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The reply brief filed 05 May 2003 (with a Certificate of Mailing of 23 April 2003) has not been entered or considered because it was filed more than two months from the date of the examiner's answer. Further, because appellant failed to provide sufficient cause for an extension of time and any request for an extension of time must be filed on or before the day on which the reply is due, the reply brief is considered to be untimely filed. See 37 CFR 1.136(b).

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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